

“18th Century Trades Day” at Dover, Del.’s John Dickinson Plantation on Oct. 13, 2018

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 1, 2018)—On Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, visitors to the home of the “Penman of the Revolution” will explore Colonial-era job opportunities during the “18th Century Trades Day” that will take place between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the [John Dickinson Plantation](#) located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Del. All activities are free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.



Historic-site interpreter Jennifer Dunham demonstrating how fabric was dyed in the 18th century.

“18th Century Trades Day” will provide opportunities to dye cloth 1700s-style, preserve food in the smokehouse, weave a rug on a loom, mold bricks out of clay, and watch a carpenter at work and learn how wooden shingles and pegs were made. In addition, tours of the 1740 mansion house will be conducted throughout the day.



Historic-site interpreter Chris Merrill demonstrating the curing of meat in the plantation's smokehouse.

The John Dickinson Plantation, Delaware's first National Historic Landmark, was the home of John Dickinson, a founding father of the United States, a framer and signer of the U.S. Constitution and "Penman of the Revolution." The Georgian-style mansion stands as a memorial to this American patriot, legislator and farmer. The museum is a partner site in the [First State National Historical Park](#).



John Dickinson Plantation mansion house

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